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Attorney Docket No. **KCX-197 (14737)**

First Inventor or Application Identifier **Varriale et al.**

Title **Method and Apparatus for Multistage ...**

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the invention
- Brief Summary of the invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **2**]

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)

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5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

8. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) ☐ Attorney

9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Citations

11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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101 690	201 345	Utility filing fee	690
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 690	208 345	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 690

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
47	27	18	486
3	0	78	0
Multiple Dependent		260	0

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
116 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,380	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
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